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SUBJECT: UNTSO REIMBURSABLE PCS TRAVEL EXPENSES

REFERENCE: A. FONECON LTC BOUTON, DAMO-SSM; AND SFC BRILL,
USUN-MSA-A OF 30 SEPT76

B. USUN 4038

C. LTR, DAMO-IAP, SUBJ: REIMBURSEMENT FOR PCS OF UNTSO
OBSERVERS, DTD 04 MAY 73

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A,
GENERATED BY PARA 2C OF REFERENCE B, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
IS FURNISHED:

A. THE 1974 \$21,068 MDW BILLING FOR REIMBURSABLE TRAVEL
EXPENSES INCURRED BY US MILITARY OBSERVERS TRAVELLING FROM
THEIR LAST DUTY STATION TO TEL AVIV, ISRAEL, AND FROM TEL
AVIV, ISRAEL TO THEIR NEXT DUTY STATION WAS INADVERTENTLY
NOT PAID BY THE UN. RECOMMEND THAT A NEW BILLING BE PREPARED
TO INCORPORATE STILL UNPAID TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED IN
YEARS 1974-76.

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B. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BEEN ALLOCATING AN ESTIMATED

COST OF BETWEEN \$1486 TO \$1569 PER INDIVIDUAL PER ONE WAY TRIP FOR THE MOVEMENT OF US OBSERVERS FROM THEIR LAST DUTY STATION OR RESIDENCE TO TEL AVIV, ISRAEL. THIS FIGURE IS COMPUTED AS IS SHOWN BELOW:

AIRFARE

1 NOV - 31 MAR - \$516

1 APR - 31 MAY / 1 SEP - 31 OCT - \$540

1 JUN - 31 AUG - \$599

EXCESS BAGGAGE 22 POUNDS OR 10 KILO - \$86

PERSONAL EFFECTS - 825 LBS AIR FREIGHT OR 1650 POUNDS SURFACE FREIGHT - \$884

TOTAL RANGE \$1486 / \$1510 / \$1569

THESE ESTIMATED COSTS HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE 1974 AND ARE BEING USED ONLY AS AN "ESTIMATED COST" FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES. THROUGH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AT THE WORKING LEVEL, THE UN FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICE PROJECT OFFICER FOR UNTSO HAS SHOWN A WILLINGNESS TO USING THESE FIGURES IN RECOMPUTING ALL EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE USG IN THIS PROJECT.

C. THE SUBJECT OF THE STANDARD RATE OF \$916 UTILIZED BY THE US ARMY IN BILLING THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE MOVEMENT COST OF US ARMY OBSERVERS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THE ACCEPTED FIGURE USED IN 1973 BY THE UNITED NATIONS FOR ESTIMATING COSTS AS IS THE \$1486 TO \$1569 IN THE YEARS 1974-76. THIS FIGURE IS UTILIZED IN REFERENCE C FOR REIMBURSEMENT AT A STANDARD RATE IN 1973.
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